

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

9:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

GATHERING...

MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.

The Prelude

Easter Dawning

Charles Gounod, arr. John Scriveyner

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms 133*)

Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

It is like precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Infinite wisdom, You bring the dawn of each new day. We praise Your Name for sending Christ with the promise of new life. You scatter the clouds of darkness so that our eyes can behold the truth of Your love. You replace the finality of death with an affirmation for life without ending. You burst upon our being with each ray of sunlight, bringing light to illumine our world with the presence of Your redeeming grace. As we stand on the threshold of Your magnificence, be pleased with our worship as we utter Your Holy Name. Glory to You the One Eternal God— Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all. Amen.

The Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

*That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.*

*From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Susie Davis, liturgist

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood. Yet sometimes we struggle to live and believe the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have experienced the Easter radiance, but seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is often of little influence on our lives. Have mercy on us; forgive us, we pray ... (time for silent confession) ... Enter into our lives again and cast out our fear so that we may come truly to trust in You and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,

and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Friends, hear and believe the Good News: In Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD...

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 4:32-35*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

The Anthem

O For a Song
Virtual Adult Choir

Deborah Governor

The Gospel Lesson: *John 20:19-31*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Come On; Come Out
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD...

*The *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME...

The Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

arr. Humphrey Turner

**KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE. YOU WILL BE DISMISSED
BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.**

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Announcements for April 7-14

Seeing at Easter

"I didn't realize how much I missed seeing my church family face-to-face..."

"Not being able to worship in-person has been a real loss for me..."

"I wasn't prepared for the emotional experience of entering the Sanctuary..."

"To hear people singing beside me in worship brought tears to my eyes..."

These are just a few of the reflections we heard expressed by those who attended worship on Easter Sunday. From our perspective as your pastors, it was clear on your faces and in your body language how much emotion, excitement, affection and joy was at work as you gathered, as you worshipped, and as you took your leave. Looks of recognition, surprise, astonishment and appreciation were everywhere.

Could it have been that way for the first disciples in the days and weeks after the first news of an empty tomb came to them? Did they see even the familiar sights of Galilee with a completely different heart and eye?

Do you suppose the angel's encouragement, the glimpses of the Risen One, the personal encounters with the once-wounded Jesus changed everything they thought or did?

Even now the presence of the Living Lord and Savior transforms not only our perceptions, but our experience and discipleship as well.

May you see him often. In worship, in health recovered, relationships shared, and in the company of the saints in Christ.

Warm and Bright Easter greeting to you!

In Christ,
Brittany and Allen



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (4/7) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (4/8) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (Zoom)
Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:30p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun. (4/11) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
Children's Church School, 10am
Adult Church School Classes - Schedule on page 2
Deacons, 1pm (Zoom)
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
Youth Fellowship, 5pm (Patio)
Session, 7pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (4/13) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Stewardship, 7pm (Zoom)
Book Study, 7pm, (Zoom) Details on page 2
- Wed. (4/14) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 11:

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Donn Langfitt, Karla Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Larry Repanshek, Opal Ritchie, Pam Werner

Birthdays this week April 11-18

- Stephanie Yealy
- Elsie Janney, Shannon Farley, Lee Steven
- Jean Calloway,
- Billy Nichols, Kevin Peters, John Jones
- Andrew Wright, Max Schneider, Susie Davis
- Johnny Ellis
- Helen Lynn, Will Kinnamon, Mary Grace Raska

Valued Volunteers: Major League Baseball is bringing back **Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby** youth programs this spring and summer at Sunshine Ballpark on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to host the events. We'll employ COVID safety measures and thankfully the restrictions on outdoor gatherings are easing. All we need now is YOU! Please let Jim Toler know if you're willing to help out and what hours you're available. More information is available by emailing jimtoler4@yahoo.com. Here are the details on the events. Please share the info with area baseball and softball leagues and parents of young players.

VBS Rocky Railroad - Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration has begun, use the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Any questions please contact Robin Joel. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>



MLB Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby to make a comeback After a year off, Major League Baseball's youth baseball skills events are coming back to the Fredericksburg area and ball fields across the nation. Area boys and girls are invited to

participate in the free Pitch, Hit & Run and Junior Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sunshine Ballpark, 1200 Wicklow Dr., off Fall Hill Avenue, Fredericksburg. Players may come anytime during the day and take part in one or both competitions. COVID precautions will be taken. These free events are sponsored by Sunshine Ballpark, Germanna Community College and the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg. For more information email jimtoler4@yahoo.com.

For Pitch, Hit & Run, players ages 7-14 are divided into four age groups to test their baseball/softball skills. Age group winners may earn the chance to compete at Washington Nationals Park and ultimately at the MLB World Series. For general information, go to PitchHitRun.com. Parents should register their players online at: <https://pitchhitrun2021.leagueapps.com/events/2011198>

The Jr. HR Derby is open to boys and girls 12U and 14U. For more information go to JrHRD.com. Parents should register at: <http://jrhrd2021.leagueapps.com/events/2016040>.

Refugee Feeding Ministry Flash Food Drive — During the first week of each month we will have a food drive of non-perishable food items to address the emergent need among Fredericksburg's Refugee community. These families have been identified through the Fredericksburg School System as particularly in need of help. How you can help:

- Prepare a food box/bag for a family (recommended contents are below). Don't worry about the amount of food. More is better; some is better than none.
- Drop off your box in the Education Building lobby 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- To make a financial gift, checks can be made out to *The Presbyterian Church* with the designation "Refugee Feeding Program" in the memo line.
- If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for this ministry, please be in touch with Andrea Ilardia: (540) 395-9768.

RECOMMENDED CONTENTS (Non-perishable only, please):

- *Pasta, *Tomato sauce, *Rice, *Sugar, *Oil, *Flour, *Canned Fruits and Vegetables, *Cereal, *Beans, *Tea/Coffee, *Soups, *Peanut Butter, *Jelly/Fruit Preserves, *Instant Potatoes.

Children Church School Resumes In-Person

We are excited to share that **Children's Church School** will resume in-person classes this Sunday, April 11, for preschool through 5th grade. Classes will convene at 10:00 a.m. utilizing both outdoor spaces and church school classrooms. If you have questions about church school or would like to volunteer to help with a church school class, please be in touch with Lindsey Williams, lwilliams@fredericksburgpc.org.

Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

Faith and Movie Class

Sunday, 10:30 am, led by Marty and Vicky Wilder; Kathy and Eric Rocholl

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223901848?pwd=S1MyYVpaK0xtVVZrcHQwSnZ0QUkzdz09>

Discovering the Psalms

Sunday, 12:00 pm, led by Brittany Tamminga & Lindsey Williams

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89898477424?pwd=RVF5VDVqWVZyYXpVTGIySGNLSndFQT09>

Book Study: Learning to Speak God from Scratch

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, led by Jen Rowe

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274047075>